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8th February, 1805.

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Read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole House, on Monday next.

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## A BILL,

*Supplementary to the act, intituled "An act making provision for the disposal of the public lands in the Indiana territory, and for other purposes."*

1     **Be it enacted**, by the Senate and House of Representa-  
2     tives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled,  
3     That the lands lately purchased from the Indian tribes of the Wa-  
4     bash, and lying between the rivers Wabash and Ohio, and the  
5     road leading from the falls of the river Ohio to Vincennes, shall be  
6     attached to and made a part of the district of Vincennes, and be of-  
7     fered for sale at that place under the same regulations, at the same  
8     price, and on the same terms, as other lands lying within the said  
9     district.

1     SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That such and so many of  
2     the tracts of land lying north and west of the Indian boundary, es-  
3     tablished by the treaty of Greenville, which were ceded by that  
4     treaty to the United States, as the President of the United States  
5     shall direct, shall be surveyed and subdivided in the same manner  
6     as the other public lands of the United States, and shall be offered for

7 sale at Detroit, or at such of the other land offices established  
 8 by law in the state of Ohio, or in the Indiana territory, as the Pre-  
 9 sident of the United States shall judge most expedient, under the  
 10 same regulations, at the same price, and on the same terms, as  
 11 other lands lying within the same district.

1 SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That so much of the tract of  
 2 land lately purchased from the Indian tribes, known by the name  
 3 of Sacs and Foxes, as the President of the United States shall think  
 4 expedient and shall direct, shall be attached to and made a part of  
 5 the district of Kaskaskias, and shall be offered for sale at that  
 6 place, under the same regulations, at the same price, and on the  
 7 same terms, as other lands lying within the said district.

1 SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That the lands lying within the  
 2 districts of Vincennes, Kaskaskias, and Detroit, which are claimed  
 3 by virtue of French or British grants, legally and fully executed,  
 4 or by virtue of grants issued under the authority of any former act  
 5 of Congress, by either of the governors of the north west or India-  
 6 na territories, and which had already been surveyed by a person  
 7 authorised to execute such surveys, shall, whenever it shall be  
 8 found necessary to re-survey the same for the purpose of ascertain-  
 9 ing the adjacent vacant lands, be surveyed at the expense of the  
 10 United States ; any act to the contrary notwithstanding.

1 SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That persons claiming lands  
 2 in either of the said three districts, either under legal grants de-  
 3 rived from the French or British governments, or by virtue of ac-

4 rural possession and improvement, or for any other account what-  
5 ver, may, until the first day of \_\_\_\_\_ next, give no-  
6 tice, in writing, to the register of the land office of their claims, and  
7 have the evidence of the same recorded in the manner and on pay-  
8 ment of the fees provided by the act to which this act is a supple-  
9 ment; and the right of any person neglecting to give such notice  
10 in writing of his claim, and to have the evidence of the same re-  
11 corded, shall become void and forever be barred.

The commissioners appointed for the purpose of examining the claims of persons claiming lands in the said three districts, shall, in their respective districts, have the same powers, and perform the same duties, in relation to the claims thus filed, as if notice of the same had been given before the first day of January last; and as was provided by the act to which this act is a supplement, in relation to the claims therein described. It shall be the duty likewise of the clerk of each board to prepare two transcripts of all the decisions made by the said commissioners in favor of the claimants, and to transmit one to the surveyor general and one to the secretary of the treasury. It shall also be the duty of the said commissioners, respectively, to make to the secretary of the treasury, a report of all the claims filed with the register of the land office, which they may have rejected, together with the substance of the evidence adduced in support thereof, and such remarks thereon as they may think proper; and they shall, in relation to any such rejected claims, which were founded on possession and actual set-

29 tlement and improvement, particularly state the date of the im-  
 30 provement and the quantity, situation, and boundaries of the land  
 31 claimed. Those reports, together with the transcripts of the [de-  
 32 cisions of the commissioners in favor of claimants, shall be laid  
 33 by the secretary of the treasury before Congress at their next  
 34 session : and the lands, the claims to which shall have been af-  
 35 firmed by the commissioners, as well as those the claims to  
 36 which, though rejected by the commissioners, were derived from  
 37 actual possession, improvement, and settlement, shall not be  
 38 otherwise disposed of until the decision of Congress thereupon  
 39 shall have been made. Each of the said commissioners, and each  
 40 of the clerks of the respective boards, shall be allowed an additional  
 41 compensation of five hundred dollars, in full for his services as  
 42 such in relation to such claims ; and each of the registers of the  
 43 land offices for the said three districts, shall be allowed a further  
 44 sum of five hundred dollars, as a compensation in full for translat-  
 45 ing and recording, or causing to be translated and recorded, grants,  
 46 deeds, or other evidences of claims in the French language.

1 SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted,* That the governor of the Mi-  
 2 chigan territory shall act as one of the superintendants of the  
 3 sales of public lands at Detroit, in lieu of the governor of the In-  
 4 diana territory.

1 SEC. 7. *An be it further enacted,* That all the sections hereto-  
 2 fore reserved for the future disposition of Congress, and lying within  
 3 either of the districts established for the disposal of public lands in

